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Senate Resolution 1224

By: Senators Ramsey, Sr. of the 43rd, Tate of the 38th, Butler of the 55th, Henson of the 41st, James of the 35th and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Mrs. Patricia May; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Mrs. Patricia May has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the
- 3 vital role that she has played in the teaching profession and her deep personal commitment
- 4 to the education of the students of Georgia; and
- 5 WHEREAS, a native of Atlanta, Georgia, Mrs. May was educated in the Atlanta Public
- 6 School System and earned a bachelor's degree from Tennessee State University, a master's
- 7 degree from Southern Illinois University, and an administrative certificate from the State
- 8 University of West Georgia; and
- 9 WHEREAS, she has dedicated 37 years to molding young minds and challenging students
- 10 through her work in the field of education, leading the students of S.H. Archer High School,
- 11 Clark Junior High School in East St. Louis, East St. Louis Senior High School, and Lithonia
- 12 High School; and
- 13 WHEREAS, this highly respected professional educator moved from the classroom into the
- 14 field of educational administration in 1994, serving as Discipline and Attendance Assistant
- 15 Principal and Instructional Assistant Principal at Lithonia High School; and
- 16 WHEREAS, Mrs. May has a tradition of excellence on the track as well as in the classroom,
- winning the Georgia High School State Championships in the 200 meter dash, the 4x100
- 18 meter relay, and the 4x200 meter relay in 1968 and 1969, being recognized as an
- 19 All-American while at Tennessee State University from 1969 to 1973, and helping set an
- 20 American record in the 4x200 meter relay at the Dogwood Relays while at Tennessee; and
- 21 WHEREAS, currently Principal of Lithonia Middle School, Mrs. May's dedication to young
- 22 people has been recognized with numerous honors and awards, including a Pillar of the

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23 Community Award in Education from the City of Lithonia, Coach of the Year from DeKalb

- 24 County, and Relay Coach of the Year at the Illinois State Meet in 1979; and
- 25 WHEREAS, in recognition of her contributions to the students in this state, it is abundantly
- 26 fitting and proper for this body to honor the extraordinary commitment and accomplishments
- 27 of this outstanding individual.
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
- 29 heartily and gratefully commend Mrs. Patricia May for her decades of sacrifice, foresight,
- 30 accomplishment, and contributions on behalf of education in Georgia and for the positive
- 31 influence she has had upon the lives and futures of countless young people in this state.
- 32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of Senate is authorized and directed to
- transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mrs. Patricia May.